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SENTENCING

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated that Daniel David, age 49, of Bennettsville, South Carolina, was sentenced Friday in federal court in Florence, South Carolina, for interstate transportation of stolen property, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2314. United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell of Florence sentenced DAVID to 48 months imprisonment, three years supervised release. David was also ordered to pay \$47,319.00 in restitution and a money judgement of \$52,494.00.

Evidence presented during David's trial established that David and W.R. Douglas stole more than \$50,000 of merchandise in the form of soybean and corn seeds, chemicals and a trailer from the Southern States store in Bennettsville, South Carolina, then transported it to North Carolina where it was ultimately sold to Lynwood Johnson, a North Carolina farmer. Evidence was also presented during the trial that David and Douglas had been stealing and selling farm tractors since 2005. Johnson pled guilty in December 2011,

but died before he could be sentenced. Douglas pled guilty and testified at the trial of Daniel David which was concluded January 25, 2012, when David was convicted.

The case was investigated by the Marlboro County Sheriffs Office and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II, of the Florence office handled the case.

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